PRESIDENT: That is not a supplementary question.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the period within which all these offences were committed by Mr. T. K. Kesava Pillai, Accountant of the Quilon pakuthi?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Except the information given in the Appendix, no other information is available.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether, for a lesser number of smaller offences, more severe punishments have not been awarded to any one else in the Taluk Office?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Has this Mr. T. K. Kesava Pillai, appealed to the Land Revenue Commissioner?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to call for that information?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government do not think it necessary.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): In view of the very large number of charges against him, do the Government propose to take any further action, or do they consider the punishment now meted out to him sufficient?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Whether the punishment that has been awarded is sufficient or not, is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I suppose it is the Dewan Peishkar that has awarded the punishment.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be, but there is the Land Revenue Commissioner to revise it, if necessary.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): If there is no appeal?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government cannot be expected to do anything in the matter.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Am I to take it that the Government consider that the punishment meted out is sufficient deterrent for the delinquent?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think I am called upon to answer that question about the opinion of Government.

Road from Eettappadappu to Chettikulam.

214. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether they contemplate the opening of a road from Eettappadappu in the Shendurni Range of the Shencotta Forest Division to Chettikulam on the boundary of the British Alvarkurichi ;

(*b*) if so, the approximate length of that road ;

(*c*) the estimated cost of completing the road ;

(*d*) the amount sanctioned for the work this year (1107) ; and

(*e*) the purpose of the road ?

MR A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About 9 to 10 miles.

(*c*) The cost of the road has not been estimated. The road is only being traced at present.

(*d*) Rs. 3,500.

(*e*) The existing road stops at Eettappadappu in Coupe No. 10 in the Shendurni valley. There are some coupes to be worked, situated in the upper slopes of the Shendurni valley, which are not reached by any road. To enable these coupes to be exploited, the proposed road is being traced along the left bank of the Uruliar stream.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Have the Government investigated the quantity of timber that may be worked out from the Ranges on the sides of the proposed road ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, Rs. 15 lakhs worth of timber.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know who has made that estimate ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The Conservator of Forests.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether this road, opening as it does into Alvarkurichi Chettikulam, will not facilitate the smuggling of timber by the people in the neighbouring parts of British India ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have no information about that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Is it a fact that this road is generally used by the people of British India ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have no information about that either.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Have the Government called for an estimate of the cost ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No, they have just begun to trace the line.

Expenditure on public works in the Muvattupuzha taluk in 1107.

245 **MR. K. P. ABARHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any, and, if so, what amount was spent on public works in the Muvattupuzha taluk during 1107 M. E., up to 15-8-1107 ?

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